

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4041

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 15, 1993

Application of TRANS M.A.P.P. INC.)
for a Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

Case No. AP-93-02

By application filed January 12, 1993, Trans M.A.P.P. Inc. (Transmapp or applicant), a California corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

Transmapp's application includes information regarding, among other things, its corporate status, facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

Transmapp proposes to commence operations with one 15-passenger van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains charter, transfer, and tour rates on a pre-arranged, reservations-only basis.

In accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(c), applicant will be required to file additional information prior to expiration of the protest period. First, applicant shall indicate whether it requests authority to transport baggage, mail and/or express in the same vehicles as passengers. Second, applicant shall indicate whether it intends to do business under a trade name. The application refers repeatedly to applicant as "TransMapp," and the proposed tariff letterhead identifies applicant as "Transmapp." Third, applicant's proposed tariff contains abbreviations which are not defined, together with rates to Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). The Commission's jurisdiction does not extend to BWI. Applicant shall file a revised proposed tariff with a legend defining the various abbreviations but without the BWI rates. Applicant is advised to contact the appropriate regulatory authority or authorities before commencing operations to that destination. Finally, applicant shall provide a description of its current liabilities, which appear relatively large in comparison to its current assets.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of Transmapp's application for a certificate of authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Trans M.A.P.P. Inc. shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than Friday, January 29, 1993, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

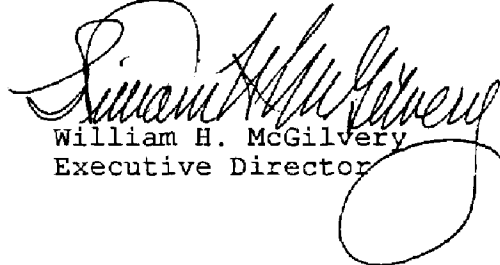
2. That Trans M.A.P.P. Inc. shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, February 19, 1993, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That Trans M.A.P.P. Inc. shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, February 5, 1993, the information required in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(c), as specified above.

4. That any person wanting to protest this application, in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on the application, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), shall file such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, February 19, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's attorney, Ronda Robinson, Esquire, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

5. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), shall request one no later than Friday, February 19, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's attorney, Ronda Robinson, Esquire, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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Executive Director